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IN REPLY REF A POST HAS GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO
THE MOST PRACTICABLE WAY TO AFFORD PROTECTION OF PUBLIC
ACCESS AREAS MF THE CONSULATE GENERAL WHILE NOT DETRACT-
ING EXCESSIVELY FROM THE APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDING. WE
PERCEIVE THE MAJOR THREAT FROM TERRORIST ATTACK WOULD
PROBABLY COME FROM ONE OF TWO DIRECTIONS:

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1. A BOMB THROWN FROM A PASSING CAR THROUGH ONE OF THE

LARGE PLATE GLASS WINDOWS IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

2. AN INVASION OF THE BUILDING BY ARMED TERRORISTS
DURING WORKING HOURS.

A DETAILED JUSTIFICATION OF OUR REASONING AND PLANS WILL FOLLOW BY OM COORDINATED THROUGH RSO LONDON. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO MEET GENERAL PLANNING DEADLINES IN WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING BASIC INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED USING THE FORMAT IN REF A.

A. PROPERTY: THREE STORY STONE TOWNHOUSE AT 3 REGENT TERRACE, GOVERNMENT OWNED.

B. PHYSICAL SECURITY BARRIERS: 1. CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO AN ARMORED PHYSICAL BARRIER TO SEAL OFF ON INSIDE A DOORWAY EIGHT FEET HIGH, FIVE FEET WIDE AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES DEEP. THE LOWER PORTION (NO MORE THAN THREE FEET HIGH) MAY BE OF A WOOD VENEER EXTERIOR BUT ARMORED TO PROTECT THE RECEPTIONIST WHO WOULD BE LOCATED RIGHT BEHIND IT. THIS SAME WOOD VENEER, ARMORED MATERIAL COULD COME FROM THE CEILING LEAVING A SPACE FOR ABOUT THREE FEET OR LESS OF HEAVY BULLET-RESISTANT GLASS. A DOOR WOULD BE PLACED IN THE BARRIER AT ONE SIDE THAT COULD BE OPERATED ELECTRICALLY BY THE RECEPTIONIST. AS SOON AS SHE DETERMINED THAT THE VISITOR HAD BUSINESS IN THE PASSPORT SECTION OR IN ANOTHER AREA OF THE CONSULATE SHE COULD UNLOCK THE DOOR BY A SWITCH ON HER DESK. VISA APPLICANTS WOULD BE DIRECTED INTO THE VISA SECTION THROUGH THE OTHER DOOR ON PUBLIC SIDE OF BARRIER. (SEE FLOOR PLAN OF POST CONTAINED IN REF. C). 2. THE DOOR INTO THE VISA SECTION AND THE DOOR THROUGH THE BARRIER MIGHT HAVE ELECTRICAL DEAD-BOLTLOCKS WHICH WOULD ENGAGE AUTOMATICALLY WHEN THE RECEPTIONIST SOUNDED THE ALARM. THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY SEAL OFF THE WORKING AND WAITING ROOM AREAS FROM THE INTRUDERS, WHOSE ONLY ENTRANCE IS THE FRONT DOOR. THE REAR DOORS ARE KEPT LOCKED AND MAY ONLY BE APPROACHED THROUGH THE WALLED BACK GARDEN FROM A PRIVATE PARK, WHOSE ENTRANCE IN TURN MUST BE GAINED THROUGH ONE OF THE TOWN-HOUSE RESIDENCES SURROUNDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PARK. THE DOOR TO THE VISA SECTION AND THROUGH THE BARRIER COULD BE ALWAYS UNDER POSITIVE CONTROL OF THE RECEPTIONIST. AFTER SHE IDENTIFIED THE VISITOR AND DETERMINED WHICH AREA HE WISHED TO VISIT SHE WOULD ELECTRICALLY RELEASE THE LOCK ON THE APPROPRIATE DOOR ALLOWING HIM TO ENTER. 3. COSTS UNKNOWN: WE HAVE NOT YET

RECEIVED THE AIRGRAM PROMISED IN STATE 238488 AND HAVE NO WAY OF ESTIMATING COSTS OF THIS MATERIAL. 4. THE DISADVANTAGE FROM A PUBLIC RELATIONS STANDPOINT OF THIS FORTRESS IN THE EDINBURGH CONSULATE IS SELF-EVIDENT.

C. WINDOW PROTECTION: WE WILL NEED SHATTER-PROOF OR BULLET-RESISTANT GLASS FOR THE LARGE FRONT WINDOWS TO PROTECT AGAINST THROWN BOMBS OR GUNFIRE. EIGHT PANES OF GLASS APPROXIMATELY FORTY SEVEN BY FORTY THREE INCHES WIDE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR GROUND FLOOR. NEW WINDOW CASINGS WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION AS THE CURRENT ONES ARE OLD AND ROTTING.

D. LOCAL GUARD FORCES: NOT NEEDED.

E. MARINE SECURITY GUARDS: NOT NEEDED.

F. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT: AN ALARM OPERATED FROM THE RECEPTIONIST'S DESK, SHOULD BE PROVIDED. IT COULD PERHAPS BE HOOKED INTO THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

G. LOBBY CONTROLS AND EQUIPMENT: AS STATED IN B ABOVE.

H. CONNECTIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE FORCE ARE ADEQUATE.

I. RADIOS: VEHICLE AND BASE STATION RADIO ALREADY INSTALLED.

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